

BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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San Diego County
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE

DATE: Thursday, August 7, 2008

PLACE: Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road

TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL

1. Marilyn Polen 2. Pat Stuart 3. Jeffrey McKernan 4. Donna Tisdale
5. Bill Parsons 6. Darlene Koczka 7. Chris Noland

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

5 NEW BUSINESS:

A. SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS (SVP) IN BOULEVARD?: Neighbors of a vacant house on Jewel Valley Road discovered that it is under consideration for placement of at least one Sexually Violent Predator. Limited research shows another property in Tierra Heights under the same ownership. The Group has been asked by an adjacent property owner to take early action and oppose the placement of any SVP in Boulevard.

B. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES: County staff will make a ½ hour presentation explaining State water quality regulations and County ordinances that now require all land development projects be designed using Low Impact Development Techniques. This will apply to new development projects.

C. COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE: The existing Boulevard Community Plan, part of the Mountain Empire Subregional Plan, will be reviewed and some action may be taken by the Group. As part of the General Plan Update, planning groups are reviewing and revising their own community plans, using a template the County has provided. A public Community Plan Template Workshop is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 29th, at the Alpine Community Center, 1830 Alpine Blvd.

6 .OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES:

A. NOVEMBER ELECTIONS FOR ODD NUMBERED SEATS ON PLANNING GROUP: Seat numbers 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be on the November 4, 2008 ballot. The incumbents for seats 3, 5 and 7 plan to run for election. The incumbent for seat 1 has will not run for election. Anyone wishing to run for these seats needs to file the proper paperwork with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters prior to 5 PM on August 8th. For more information call the Registrar's office at 858-694-3405.

B. SUNRISE POWERLINK RECIRCULATED DEIR/EIS: An update will be given and a potential vote taken regarding the submission of comments by the August 25th deadline. The Public Utilities Commission and the BLM will be holding an information workshop on the RDEIR/EIS on Monday, August 4 from 2-4 and 6-8 at the Highlands Senior Center in Jacumba at 44681 Old Hwy 80. Only written comments will be accepted on the DEIR/EIS. New information on Semptra's La Rumorosa/ Baja Wind project triggered the recirculation as required by CEQA. New maps show the revised routes, including the so-called Environmentally Superior Southern Route through Jacumba, Boulevard, La Posta, Campo, Potrero, Alpine, etc. There will be no public hearings or opportunities to make oral comments. The Group may take action on this item. The document can be found on line at:

<http://www/cpuc.ca.gov:80/environment/info/aspen/sunrise/toc-rdeir..htm>

C. SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334): Hundreds of wind turbines are now proposed for Baja's Sierra Juarez mountains east of Jacumba. Phase 1 of 500-600 turbines, in excess of 400 feet in height, are proposed to start just several hundred feet south of the border. These turbines will be highly visible from many properties and vantage points in our area. They will also need a new cross-border power line to move any new energy. The Department of Energy (DOE) is planning to hold a scoping hearing in the next few months just for the power line. The turbines will be located in Mexico and under Mexican jurisdiction. A vote will be taken on whether or not to request the DOE to require a full Environmental Impact Statement for this project rather than a less thorough Environmental Assessment. A scoping hearing date has not yet been set.

D. SDG&E'S PROPOSED ECO SUBSTATION AND 14 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE REQUIRED FOR WIND GENERATION PROJECTS: The Boulevard Substation by Tule Jim and Old 80 is proposed to be expanded from 1/4 acre to 3/4 acre and 14 miles of new transmission lines (steel poles 100' tall) will be needed to connect the substation to the Southwest Powerlink at the proposed ECO Substation near Jacumba. More transmission lines will be required to connect the proposed McCain Valley wind project to the Boulevard Substation. Impacted property owners have reportedly been contacted by SDG&E. Several property owners are in separate negotiations with the wind company for an easement. SDG&E has stated they expect to file applications with the Public Utilities Commission sometime in August.

E. GOLDEN ACORN CASINO/HOTEL PROPOSED EXPANSION: On-hold. No new information available.

F. CAMPO LANDFILL: The Supplemental Draft EIS for this long-planned landfill project on Campo's tribal lands is now projected to be released to the USEPA in August for review, and for public comment this fall.

G. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: Update will be given on the July 26th Steering Committee meeting.

H. TRAIL SYSTEM POTENTIAL FOR BOULEVARD: The next update is expected at the September meeting

I. MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN (MSCP) FOR EAST COUNTY: No new information.

J. BLM'S PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EASTERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY: The proposed management plan includes changes which allow for industrial wind turbines on over 7,000 acres in McCain Valley. The plan has been protested. Release of the Record of Decision is still pending.

K. WIND ENERGY PROJECT IN MCCAIN VALLEY: Iberdrola Renewables, formerly PPM Energy, has had an open invitation from our Group and is expected to present their Plan of Development to the community in the next few months.

L. WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC EIS: The Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo, area has been included in the federally designated energy corridor which can include multiple power lines, phone lines, fiber optic lines, gas, oil, and hydrogen pipelines. The Sunrise Powerlink DEIS/EIR referred to this corridor designation. A formal legal challenge has been filed against this and other national energy corridors.

M. LANSING COMPANIES: Greg Lansing reportedly has control over approximately 8,000 Boulevard acres, including Big Country and Empire Ranch, with several thousand more acres under consideration. No official project has been publicly announced. Lansing submitted a comment letter to the County opposing the current direction of the General Plan Update in the Boulevard Planning area.

N. INVENERGY: There has been no official announcement or proposal for Invenergy's potential plans for wind energy development in the Boulevard area. Invenergy has confirmed that numerous local property owners have been offered grant easement agreements. The County has confirmed that they have been approached by Invenergy regarding requirements for the installation of a meteorological test tower. Updated information will be provided as it becomes available.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment. The Group cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Donna Tisdale, Chair, 619-766-4170, P.O. Box 1272, Boulevard, CA 91905